## Thursday, 09/20/07 Sex video shown as evidence in murder trial

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FRANKLIN — Jurors in the murder trial of Dr. Christ Koulis were shown a homemade sex video and dozens of prescription drugs Wednesday.

Koulis, a plastic surgeon, is charged with second-degree murder and reckless homicide in the death of his girlfriend, Lesa Buchanan.

Prosecutors said she died from an overdose of drugs Koulis gave her and possibly injected into her during a "marathon sex weekend."

Buchanan, 35, died July 4, 2005, after police and emergency medical crews responded to a 911 call at her Cool Springs apartment.

Before prosecutors played a video of Koulis and Buchanan engaged in multiple sex acts, Judge Jeff Bivins told spectators in the courtroom that what they were about to see was "graphic."

The video lasted about two hours.

Before it was played, Franklin police Detective Stephanie Cisco showed jurors dozens of needles, syringes, vials of liquid drugs, bottles and packets of pills and alcohol swabs that were found in Koulis' Chicago apartment and Buchanan's apartment in Cool Springs.

Cisco said needles and drugs were in hallways, kitchens, bathrooms, living rooms and bedrooms. Almost everywhere police searched, there were drugs, she said.

It's a case about "sex, drugs and money," defense attorney David Raybin said Monday.

Defense attorney Lee Ofman objected to the introduction of many of the medications, saying they were not relevant to the case.

Cisco also presented jurors with greeting cards that Koulis and Buchanan exchanged. Ofman objected to jurors reading handwritten messages on the cards. Cisco presented alluring photos of Buchanan, which Koulis had taken on his cell phone.